

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

JOHN STAFFORD, et al., : Case No. 3:16-cv-00125
Plaintiffs, : Magistrate Judge Sharon L. Ovington
vs. :
DONNA WARD, et al., :
Defendants. :
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RECUSAL ORDER

This matter is before the Court for *sua sponte* review. The possibility recently emerged in this case that the exercise of magistrate-judge jurisdiction is not warranted under 28 U.S.C. §636(c). *See* Doc. #36, *PageID* #'s 437, 444. Given this and other circumstances, the undersigned hereby REUSES herself from any participation in this case and directs the Clerk to return assignment of this case to District Judge Rice.

January 24, 2018

s/Sharon L. Ovington

Sharon L. Ovington

United States Magistrate Judge